

History of CPSA & SACP

Year	Month	Day	Event	Source
1909			Native Convention	Time Longer Than Rope 108;
1909			Formation of the South African Labour Party	Time Longer Than Rope 123;
1912	Jan	8	Formation of the ANC	Class & Colour 134;
1913	July		White general strike on the Witwatersrand	
1915	Sep	24	Formation of the International Socialist League	SA Communists Speak 21; The Red Flag 4;
1917			ISL launches first industrial African TU in SA	The Red Flag 7;
1917	Nov		"Great October" Soviet Socialist Revolution	
1917	Dec	7	"No Labour Movement without the Black Proletariat" (ISL)	SA Communists Speak 30;
1919	Jan	7	Formation of Industrial & Commercial Workers' Union (ICU)	50 Fighting Years 67; The Red Flag 14; Class & Colour 353;
1919	Aug		Smuts becomes Prime Minister	50 Fighting Years 62;
1920	Oct		Massacre of ICU supporters in Port Elizabeth	50 Fighting Years 62; Time Longer Than Rope 157;
1921	May		Bulhoek massacre of "Israelites", near Queenstown	50 Fighting Years 62;
1921	Jun	30	Formation of CPSA (1st Congress)	Class & Colour 244; SA Communists Speak 57; 50 Fighting Years 154; Time Longer
1921	Jun	30	First Manifesto	SA Communists Speak 62;
1922	Jan	30	Rand Revolt	SA Communists Speak 68; Time Longer Than Rope 147; The Red Flag 10; Class &
1922	May	29	Bondelswarts massacre in Namibia	50 Fighting Years 63;
1922	Nov	23	Executions of Rand revolt strikers Lewis, Hull & Long	SA Communists Speak 69; Time Longer Than Rope 198;
1923	Apr	28	2nd Congress	SA Communists Speak 71;
1923			"Pact" government between Nats & SA Labour Party	50 Fighting Years 70;
1924	Jan	21	Death of Lenin	
1924	May	16	CPSA Election Manifesto	SA Communists Speak 77;
1924	Dec		National Conference turns from SALP; Africanisation of the	Time Longer Than Rope 201; The Red Flag 12;
1924	Dec	30	Draft CPSA Programme	SA Communists Speak 80; 50 Fighting Years 74;
1925			CPSA night school founded in Ferreirastown	Time Longer Than Rope 202;
1925			First SA TU Congress (white)	The Red Flag 13;
1926	Dec	16	Communists expelled from ICU	Sidney Percival Bunting C10; Time Longer Than Rope 163; SA Communists Speak 85;
1927	Feb		ANC & CPSA attend League Against Imperialism in Brussels	50 Fighting Years 81;
1927			Non-European Trade Union Federation formed by CPSA	Time Longer Than Rope 207;
1928	Mar	2	Gumede & La Guma return from USSR	SA Communists Speak 87; Time Longer Than Rope 211;
1928	Apr		Congress of ANC	Time Longer Than Rope 211;
1928	Aug		ECCI "Black Republic" Resolution	SA Communists Speak 91; 50 Fighting Years 82 & 162; Class & Colour 386;
1929	Jan		Breakup of ICU	Time Longer Than Rope 185; 50 Fighting Years 79;
1929	Jan	31	7th Annual Conference of CPSA; adoption of "Black Republic"	SA Communists Speak 97; The Red Flag 18;
1929			National Party elected with a majority	50 Fighting Years 86; Class & Colour 416;

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1930	Apr	18	First use of name "Umsebenzi"	SA Communists Speak 107;
1930	Dec	16	Pass-burning campaign, 4 martyrs including Johannes Nkosi	SA Communists Speak 109; Time Longer Than Rope 248; 50 Fighting Years 87;
1932	Oct	1	J B Marks' campaign in Germiston	SA Communists Speak 115;
1934	Feb	23	Kotane's call from Cradock, for Africanisation of the Party	SA Communists Speak 120; The Red Flag 40;
1935	Jun	22	Call for anti-fascist action supporting Ethiopia against Italy	SA Communists Speak 123;
1935			Comintern 7th Congress, Populr Front strategy against fascism	
1935	Oct	26	"For a United Front of the People Against Imperialism"	SA Communists Speak 125;
1935	Dec	15	All-African Convention	50 Fighting Years 95;
1936	Oct	16	Peoples' Front Against Fascism & War	SA Communists Speak 125;
1937	Nov	6	"Reviving the ANC"	SA Communists Speak 131;
1939	Sep	4	SA declares war on Germany	
1941			Nazis invade Soviet Union, CPSA responds	The Red Flag 30; 50 Fighting Years 102;
1941			Launch of CNETU (Congress of Non-European TUs)	The Red Flag 31;
1943	May	15	Dissolution of Comintern	SA Communists Speak 177;
1943			Pamphlet "Arm the People"	50 Fighting Years 172;
1944	Jan		National conference, new constitution	SA Communists Speak 185;
1946			The Miners' Strike	The Red Flag 37; 50 Fighting Years 108;
1946	Nov	28	Eight CC members arrested by Smuts gov't for "sedition"	SA Communists Speak 194;
1948	Jan	2	National conference, Resolution on Democracy	SA Communists Speak 196;
1948	Jun	3	Statement on electoral victory of National Party	SA Communists Speak 197;
1950	May	1	General strike	50 Fighting Years 115;
1950	Jun	20	Dissolution of CPSA	SA Communists Speak 214; The Red Flag 39;
1950	Jun	26	ANC campaign against "Suppression of Communism" Act	50 Fighting Years 121;
1952	May		Guardian banned	Time Longer Than Rope 382;
1952	Jun		Kotane's statement before ANC Defiance Campaign	SA Communists Speak 224;
1952	Jun	26	Defiance Campaign begins	Time Longer Than Rope 387;
1953			Reconstitution of the Party as SACP	The Red Flag 42; 50 Fighting Years 124;
1955	Mar	5	Launch of SACTU	The Red Flag 32; 50 Fighting Years 131;
1955	Jun	26	Congress of the People, Freedom Charter	Time Longer Than Rope 398; 50 Fighting Years 128 & 182;
1956	Dec	6	Treason Trial of 156 activists begins with arrests	50 Fighting Years 129;
1957	Jan		Alex bus boycott starts	Time Longer Than Rope 396;
1958			Unrest in Zeerust, Sekhukhuni-, Zulu-, Tembu-, & Pondoland	50 Fighting Years 132;
1959	Oct		First issue of "The African Communist"	SA Communists Speak 248;
1960	Mar	21	Sharpeville Massacre	Time Longer Than Rope 406; 50 Fighting Years 135;
1961	July		"Story of the Communist Party", 40th anniversary leaflet	50 Fighting Years 195; The Red Flag 47;

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